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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

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## <u>RESPONSE</u>

Applicant responds to the Final Office Action mailed April 22, 2002. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections.

## REMARKS

## **Status Of Claims**

Claims 52 to 86 and 115 to 129 are presently under consideration.

## Rejection In View of Barany PCT

The Examiner rejected claims 52 to 64, 69 to 80, 85, 86, and 115 to 117 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by WO 97/31256 (Barany PCT). See Action at page 2. The Examiner cites various text of Barany PCT as allegedly showing

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